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Gov. Rell, Rep. Farr: \$50,000 Grant Approved for West Hartford Soccer Fields



The State Bond Commission today approved a \$50,000 grant to help finance construction of three youth soccer fields - part of the Field of Dreams project, Governor M. Jodi Rell and state Representative Bob Farr, R-19th District, announced today.

The Bond Commission approved the funding at its monthly meeting today (Friday, August 18th).

“Providing more soccer fields will enable more young people to participate in an increasingly popular team sport. When children get accustomed to exercising regularly, most will remain physically active throughout adulthood and enjoy longer and healthier lives,” Representative Farr said. “Field of Dreams is a great program that is broadening our children’s recreational options. I’d like to thank Governor Rell for supporting this grant - and youth soccer in West Hartford.”

“Active participation in athletics is a great way for kids to stay fit, socialize and have fun,” said Governor Rell. “Field of Dreams has shown a commitment to providing these opportunities to the people of West Hartford. Their dedication to local involvement sets a great example for all of us. Providing positive places for children to congregate and compete across the state benefits everyone. Active children come with active lives, and we need groups like Field of Dreams to help enhance their early years.”

Field of Dreams is a nonprofit community foundation that underwrites the construction of safe and sufficient soccer fields for players of West Hartford. It is a joint effort of the West Hartford Youth Soccer Association, West Hartford Girls League and the West Hartford Women’s Soccer Club.

Field of Dreams currently has two fields in town and plans to construct three more.

Enrollment in soccer programs in the West Hartford area has grown to more than 2,000 players, and Field of Dreams is working to meet the demand. Because recreational space is limited, they hope to build the fields as quickly as possible.